An Account of the Apprehending and Taking of Mr. *Sym--ds*, a Diſſenting Miniſter.

IT is very plain that the Whigs, *with their good Allies the* Diſſenters, *notwithſtanding all the Indulgence and Lenity ſhewn them, will not any way abate of their reſtleſs and malicious Spirit, taking all Opportunities to blacken and diſturb Her Majeſty's merciful and peaceful Adminiſtration.*

In order to this they have Publiſh'd, and daily continue ſo to do, ſeveral wicked, falſe and malicious Libels, containing many very Baſe and Treaſonable Reflections: But above all, there was one lately about, call'd, The *Britiſh* Ambaſſadreſs's Speech to the *French* King, *wherein, among other very Horrid and Treaſonable Aſſertions, the Qu--n is call'd the* preſent Reigning Thing; *nor is that the worſt, for there is the moſt impious Treaſon in every Line, ſo that, as we hear, it is ſhocking for any* Honeſt Man, *either* Whig *or* Tory, *but to look on; nor fit, indeed, even ſo much as to repeat what it is beſides ſaid to contain, but plainly ſhews the Deſigns the* Whigs *have at Heart.*

A Great Search was made after the Authors, or Publiſhers thereof, vvhen it happen'd that the diſcovery came in the following manner.

One Mr. *Sym--ds*, a *Diſſenting* Miniſter, the Son of one of that Sect, was in Company a few days a-go at *Hamden's* Coffee-Houſe in *Swithen's-Alley*, where in ſome Company he was reading the aforemention'd Treaſonable Libel; and Laughing in his Sleeve at

What, therefore, wou'd it avail to uſe a multitude of Words, when a few will ſerve? ſhort Periods are moſt proper for the Mouth of an Orator, and in that Sence, I will endeaver to make Authentick all I ſay.

Now if I make a *Speech*, 'tis certain I muſt Speak to Some-body, *Or elſe to whom do I Speak?* ſuppoſe me therefore at *Sams*, or the *Grecian* at the upper End of a full Table of Modern Politicians I fetch three *Hem's* and begin thus,

Gentlemen,

YOU *all know that* What has been, may be, and will certainly be again, *let us all we can to prevent it*, [Then I take Snuff *You expected Her Majeſty to come to the Houſe I ſuppoſe; and I ſuppoſe She wou'd too, but for Reaſons of* State, *that are not proper to be Communicated to every Body.*

There are ſome Impertinent Whigs; (I know before whom I Speak, and before I Speak have conſider'd what I ſhall ſay) *and ſay therefore, the* Whigs *will be apt to make a Noiſe of this and give out dangerouss Whiſpers, as if Affairs were Retrograde at preſent, or that Her Health were to be conſider'd before all other Conſiderations.*

and Ambition, yet lighter and falſer . . . . Wo

Though the Army deals in Grounds
Baſtinadoes, ſorts of Scurvy Commodi
yet they're a civil, courteous People in
reſpect, for they ſeldom refuſe any B
into their Society; and you need no o
Qualifications to rig you out with, t
Want, Impudence, and Folly: But
Devil of it is, a Man often pays too m
for his *ſex partite* Alchove; and if he 'ſc
with his Head, and a Brace of Memb
from the Fortune of War, he has a g
Title to *Chelſea-Colledge*, or to demand C
tribution from well-diſpos'd Chriſtians,
diſpiſe at once both Conſtables and Bead

The Inhabitants toward the *Weſt* of
land, have an odd Way of burning
Ground to make it Fruitful. I verily beli
they have communicated their Secret
our Armies, for no ſooner is forty or f
Acres of Corn ſet on Fire by our mod
Sampſons, but there enſues an immediate Pl
ty in the Camp, and the Farmers in E
always reap an extraordinary Harveſt. O
Men at Arms are mightily chang'd from
Knights of Antiquity, in thoſe Fighting d
The Sons of *Mars* never minded their B
lies; and we never read of the leaſt Pr
viſion that they carry'd with them, over b
ren Sands and Deſarts, whilſt they were
Search after their glorious Adventures. A
thoſe good Men had no Stomach but
Fight, and our Modern Blades have li
ven but to Eat.

Printed for J. Read, near Fleet ſtreet

at the Contents of it, when an honeſt Cle
gy-Man preſent, ſcandaliz'd at his Con
dent and Factious Behaviour, requeſted hi
to ſee the Paper he was ſo well pleas
with; which he did, not ſo much to
blige him, as to inſult him on the Co
tents of it.

But this Gentleman no ſooner had it
his Hand, then he declared the uſe he i
tented to make of it; which was to go
my Lord *Treaſurer*, and make him acquai
ed with the matter; which accordingly h
did, who directed him to my Lord *Bolin
broke*, Principal Secretary of State, whe
his Information was taken in Writing.

Purſuant to which, the ſaid *Diſſent
Preacher* was ſoon Apprehended, and
his Examination, confeſt that he had th
ſaid Treaſonable *Paper* of Mrs. *Gelico*,
Hamdens Coffee-Houſe in St. *Swithin's-Alle*
Accordingly, ſhe and her Husband we
Apprehended and Examin'd; ſhe ſayi
*that the ſame were ſent her in a Packet, but ſhe kn
not from whom, acknowledging that ſhe had given
Paper aforeſaid to Mr.* Sym-ds.

Several others were likewiſe taken u
who remain as yet under Examination; b
the ſaid Mrs. *Anne Gellico* being found to
the principal Diſpoſer of this Paper, and
being look'd on as *High-Treaſon*, ſhe was
fus'd Bail, and laſt Night committed
Newgate, her *Husband* being ſtill in Cuſto
of the *Meſſengers*.

FINIS.